

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF ENVIRONMENT TO CONVENE A TASK  
3 FORCE TO DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE  
4 ELECTRONICS PROCUREMENT AND RECYCLING BY STATE AGENCIES.

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6 WHEREAS, the technology explosion has created an  
7 exponential increase in electronic waste, known as "e-waste",  
8 that contains dangerous substances such as lead and mercury  
9 that can pollute air, land and water; and

10 WHEREAS, used and nonfunctioning electronic products  
11 take up landfill space, and recycling those products prevents  
12 the release of heavy metals, brominated flame retardants and  
13 polyvinyl chlorides that could pose environmental and health  
14 risks; and

15 WHEREAS, when state agencies purchase greener electronic  
16 products, they reduce the impacts of electronic products  
17 during use; and

18 WHEREAS, state agencies in the executive branch  
19 represent one of the largest purchasers and disposers of  
20 electronics as an industry segment, with a large number of  
21 desktops, laptops and monitors requiring proper disposal  
22 annually; and

23 WHEREAS, the department of environment should take a  
24 leadership role in creating cradle-to-grave guidelines for  
25 the procurement and proper recycling of electronics at state

1 agencies; and

2 WHEREAS, the proper procurement and disposal of  
3 electronics support improved energy efficiency and reduction  
4 of greenhouse gases; and

5 WHEREAS, state agencies can demonstrate leadership and  
6 promote behavior change among the citizens of New Mexico; and

7 WHEREAS, there is a market for recycling e-waste that  
8 can help provide jobs and computer resources for education,  
9 as well as dispose of unusable components in an  
10 environmentally correct manner;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the secretary of environment be  
13 requested to convene a task force to develop guidelines for  
14 environmentally preferable electronics procurement and  
15 recycling by New Mexico state agencies and make  
16 recommendations to the New Mexico legislature; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force include the  
18 secretary of environment or the secretary's designee; the  
19 secretary of information technology or the secretary's  
20 designee; the state purchasing agent of the purchasing  
21 division of the general services department or the agent's  
22 designee; the director of the administrative office of the  
23 courts or the director's designee; the director of the  
24 legislative council service or the director's designee;  
25 representatives from New Mexico's colleges and universities;

1 representatives from recycling coalitions in New Mexico;  
2 representatives from the private computer industry;  
3 representatives from the electronic scrap recyclers and  
4 processors industry; representatives from Sandia national  
5 laboratories and the Los Alamos national laboratory to assist  
6 in the development of best management practices on the state  
7 agency level; and any other entities deemed necessary by the  
8 secretary of environment; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force's work  
10 include the following:

11 A. a review of existing electronics procurement in  
12 New Mexico; and

13 B. a study of existing programs in other states  
14 that may serve as models for New Mexico in implementing best  
15 practices for procurement of electronics and use and disposal  
16 of e-waste; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force collaborate  
18 with the purchasing division of the general services  
19 department to document the actual amount of electronics used  
20 in state agencies and to develop a statewide e-waste  
21 recycling contract template; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be requested  
23 to present its findings and recommendations to the  
24 appropriate interim legislative committee no later than  
25 December 1, 2008; and

